

member of Michigan's business community, Mr. R.R. "Pete" Ebbing. Pete is retiring from the day-to-day operations of Detroit Edge Tool Company effective today.

Since July 1, 1955, Pete Ebbing has been instrumental in the growth of Detroit Edge Tool Company, a leading supplier of machine ways, rails, knives, and other precision machine parts to industries globally. On June 24, 1885, the company was incorporated in the State of Michigan and is now the oldest machine knife manufacturer in the world. During the first half of the 20th Century, Detroit Edge was a major supplier of industrial knives and associated equipment. However, in the early 1960s the company began to evolve and manufacture machine tool components such as hardened and ground, precision detachable ways and rails.

Throughout this evolution, Pete Ebbing was there working to ensure the company remained successful. The company's headquarters remains in the city of Detroit and has other plants in southeast Michigan.

In fact, Detroit Edge Tool Company has been in the Ebbing family for more than 80 years, spanning four generations. Two of Pete's six children, sons Ray and John, now manages the business together with a highly skilled and experienced staff of employees.

I have known Pete for nearly 40 years and am proud to call him a friend. Pete's dedication and vision for Detroit Edge Tool Company has service set the course for the next generation and I wish him luck in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I missed the following votes because I was traveling with President Bush to Arizona:

H. Res. 818, on ordering the previous question, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5386) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes (#160). Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

H. Res. 818, on agreeing to the resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5386) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes (#161). Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

H. Res. 795, on motion to suspend the rules and agree, condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Dahab and Northern Sinai, Egypt, on April 24 and 26, 2006 (#162). Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

H.R. 5386, on agreeing to the Weiner of New York amendment (#163). Had I been present I would have voted "nay."

H.R. 5386, on agreeing to Poe of Texas amendments (en bloc) (#164). Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

H.R. 5386, on agreeing to the Pallone of New Jersey amendment (#165). Had I been present I would have voted "nay."

H.R. 5386, on agreeing to the Beauprez of Colorado amendment (#166). Had I been present I would have voted "nay."

H.R. 5386, on agreeing to the Hinchey of New York amendment (#167). Had I been present I would have voted "nay."

H.R. 5386, on agreeing to the Chabot of Ohio amendment (#168). Had I been present I would have voted "nay."

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2006

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5386) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes:

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of the amendment to increase funding for the NEA by \$5 million and the NEH by \$5 million. Frankly, this is a modest amendment; I wish this amendment asked for an even greater increase in arts funding. It's astounding that this year the President will spend \$60 billion in Cold War-era defense programs, such as a missile defense system that doesn't defend against missiles, and yet each year we have to come to the floor to defend this minimal amount of spending. The amount we are asking for is little more than a fraction of one percent of the Federal budget.

This is not controversial funding. The NEA and the NEH are two of the best investments this Nation makes. The NEA distributes grants in all 50 states. These grants fund theatres, orchestras, dance companies, and visual artists that move us, challenge the way we think, foster dialogue, and help us to understand one another. The NEH is the largest single funder of humanities programs in the country. NEH grants help museums, archives, libraries, universities, scholars and documentary filmmakers allow us to understand our rich history and cultural heritage.

The cost-benefit ratio of this funding is tremendous. Each year, the arts generate \$134 billion in economic activity; arts organizations employ 4.85 million Americans; they generate \$89.4 billion in household income; and lead to \$24.4 billion in total tax revenues.

Not only do the arts and humanities have a positive economic impact, but they strengthen and build communities. They help revitalize our nation's cities, and provide venues for people from disparate communities to come together and share a common experience. Students who are exposed to the arts have higher test scores—in math and sciences as well as liberal arts—and have better attendance at schools and increased self-discipline. At-risk teens who participate in arts programs are half as likely to repeat their crimes.

Mr. Speaker, every year, my friends from the other side of the aisle try to slash funding for the arts. I just don't understand their thinking. This modest amendment is the very least we should do today. I urge my colleagues to support this amendment, and to vote against any attempts to slash funding from the arts that may be offered in other amendments.

HONORING SHANE REEVES AS
TENNESSEE'S SMALL-BUSINESS
CHAMPION

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Rutherford County's Shane Reeves as Tennessee's recipient of the National Federation of Independent Business' 2006 Small-Business Champion award.

Shane, a partner in the Reeves-Sain Family of Medical Services, comes from good stock. His mother, the former Carolyn Boatwright, got me off to a fine start as my seventh grade student teacher at Hobgood. I also enjoyed working with his father, Richard Reeves, a progressive voice for Murfreesboro for many years while he served on the Murfreesboro City Council and as the city's mayor.

Shane has been a strong leader in Reeves-Sain's success. With two locations in my hometown of Murfreesboro, the company has become the leading provider of pharmaceutical and healthcare services in the area. Since its creation in 1980, Reeves-Sain has grown from a small healthcare business into a multi-million dollar corporation, all the while maintaining its hometown appeal.

Reeves-Sain strives to deliver comprehensive customer care to all patients and to uphold Christian values in the workplace, and Shane has been instrumental in making that goal a reality. Shane has been the recipient of numerous accolades, including University of Tennessee's 1998 Co-Preceptor of the year award, Tennessee's 2000 Most Innovative Pharmacy Award and Tennessee's 2003 Distinguished Young Pharmacist award.

Active in the community, Shane chairs NFIB/Tennessee's Leadership Council and works with NFIB/Tennessee's SAFE trust. He also serves as a board member of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce and is past president of Leadership Rutherford. Shane serves as a deacon at North Boulevard Church of Christ.

I commend Shane Reeves on his award, as well as his numerous accomplishments and involvement within the community. I wish him continued success in the future.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PORTLAND
STATE UNIVERSITY, WINNING
EPA'S P3 AWARD

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, in 2003, the Environmental Protection Agency launched the P3 Award, a competition that focuses on the three components of sustainability: People, Prosperity and the Planet. Groups of undergraduate and graduate students from all around the country collaboratively design and develop projects that improve the environment, economy, and livability of their communities. These projects range from developing green tea polymers to treat cancer, to using bio-composite materials in load-bearing elements in buildings. All of the projects involved